

**State Board of Review Meeting
National Register of Historic Places
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
State Historic Preservation Office**

Minutes of the July 24, 2020 Meeting

The State Board of Review meeting was held virtually via Webex. All nominations were presented remotely, with State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff participating either remotely or from the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Members Present

Mr. William L. Kinney, Jr. (Chairman), Dr. J. Edward Lee (Vice-Chair), Ms. Dawn Dawson-House, Mr. Derek Gruner, Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., Ms. Mary Catherine Hyman, Ms. Cynthia Cole Jenkins, Dr. Kathryn Silva, Dr. Karen Y. Smith, and Ms. Patricia Lowe Smith.

Members Absent

Mr. Christopher Judge

Explanation of Format

Mr. Brad Sauls, SHPO supervisor for grants, survey, and National Register, served as the meeting's online host and welcomed the meeting's virtual participants at 10:03 A.M. He offered technical guidance for how visitors could participate in the meeting and informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

Call to Order

The Chairman officially called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M. He welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for their participation, particularly in light of the unusual conditions under which the meeting was being conducted. This was the Board's first meeting since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to the cancellation of the March 2020 meeting.

Recognition of New Board Members

Mr. Kinney asked Mr. Sauls to introduce each of the Board's new members: Ms. Dawson-House, Ms. Jenkins, and Dr. Smith. Dr. Smith's term began on March 1, 2010, while Ms. Dawson-House and Ms. Jenkins's terms of service began on July 1, 2020. Mr. Kinney thanked them all for their willingness to join the Board.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Mr. Kinney then recognized the Board's two retiring members, Ms. Amy Moore and Ms. Katherine Saunders-Pemberton, for their service on the board. He expressed particular

appreciation to outgoing Vice-Chair Ms. Saunders-Pemberton for stepping in to chair the Board's previous meeting in December 2019, which Mr. Kinney could not attend for health-related reasons.

Election of new Vice-Chair

Mr. Kinney then called for the election of a new Vice-Chair. Mr. Kinney recognized Ms. Hyman's nomination of Dr. Lee for the position, who the board elected unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The members received the minutes of the December 18, 2019, meeting by mail (or e-mail) in the packets prior to the meeting. Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Gruner. The motion was approved unanimously.

Remarks

Mr. Kinney invited Dr. W. Eric Emerson, director of the Department of Archives and History and State Historic Preservation Officer, to offer remarks. Dr. Emerson thanked the Board members and SHPO staff for their work in preparing for the meeting and welcomed its virtual participants. He expressed hope that the meeting would provide an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the work done by the Department of Archives and History and invited them to contact the agency should it ever be able to assist them.

Mr. Kinney then welcomed Ms. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for remarks. Ms. Johnson likewise welcomed attendees and introduced the National Register staff present, Ms. Virginia Harness and Dr. Edwin Breeden, thanking them for their work in helping preparers finalize the nominations under consideration. She also thanked Mr. Sauls for planning the logistics of today's meeting and holding practice sessions with Board members and presenters beforehand.

Explanation of Procedure

Mr. Kinney outlined the procedure that would follow for considering each of the nominations, explaining that presenters would have five minutes for each nomination, to be followed by statements and comments from visitors; questions from Board members; uninterrupted Board discussion; and a Board decision. He emphasized the importance of adhering to the five minute time limit for each presentation, given the unusually large number of nominations being considered today.

Mr. Sauls then provided an overview of the National Register approval process, explaining that nominations approved by the State Board of Review were still subject to revision before being forwarded on to the National Park Service. He noted that decisions on any nominations approved today by the Review Board would likely be issued by NPS in September or October.

Consideration of Nominations

Beginning at 10:20, the following nominations were considered:

1. **Means-Gage House (Beaufort, Beaufort County)** was presented by Ms. Christina Butler of Butler Preservation, LLC. During the public question segment, property owners Mr. Wallace and Ms. Catherine Scarborough expressed their willingness to answer questions anyone may have about the property and the restoration work done on it during their ownership. They also thanked Ms. Butler for her work in preparing the nomination. Ms. Jenkins recused herself from the Board vote, citing a conflict of interest due to the Scarboroughs being supporters of the Historic Beaufort Foundation, of which she is executive director. Mr. Gruner moved for approval at the local level of significance, which was seconded by Dr. Silva. The Board approved the motion unanimously, with Ms. Jenkins abstaining.
2. **Host of America Motel (North Charleston, Charleston County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Brittany V. Lavelle Tulla of BVL Historic Preservation Research. Ms. Jenkins inquired as to the intended use for the property and if those rooms with original interiors and fixtures (highlighted in the presentation) would remain intact. Ms. Lavelle Tulla said the current property owners hoped to restore the motel to its original condition using tax credits and were working with the previous owner to ensure the work remained faithful to the property's historic character. Ms. Jenkins also questioned the accuracy of a line in the nomination describing the property as a "postwar" resource, expressing her sense that the property was too late to be considered "postwar." Ms. Harness said that SHPO staff could review the particular line in question after the Board meets and address Ms. Jenkins's concern before forwarding the nomination to NPS. Mr. Gruner commented that the Neoclassical Revival façade added to the Registration Wing in 1966 was a "slap in the face" to the property's original mid-century modern design, and said that he supported the nomination in hopes that the motel would be restored to its original mid-century form. Ms. Smith moved for approval at the local level of significance, which was seconded by Ms. Jenkins. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
3. **Marine Barracks, Charleston Navy Yard (North Charleston, Charleston County)** was presented by the preparer Ms. Lannie E. Kittrell of Brockington and Associates, Inc. Ms. Jenkins asked if Ms. Kittrell had found any information about the property's architect. Ms. Kittrell noted it was designed by French architect Jules Henri de Sibour, whose other work included diplomatic embassy buildings in Washington, D.C. Ms. Jenkins commented on the property's similarities to the Marine Hospital in Charleston, designed by South Carolina native Robert Mills, and wondered if di Sibour might have purposely sought to evoke Mills's work. Dr. Lee moved that the nomination be approved at the local level of significance, which was seconded by Dr. Smith. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
4. **Pee Dee River Rice Planters Historic District (Boundary Increase) (Additional Documentation) (Pawleys Island vicinity, Georgetown County)** was presented by Dr. Edwin Breeden of the State Historic Preservation Office. Dr. Breeden noted that this nomination was originally submitted by the property owner, the Litchfield Plantation Association, as an individual nomination for Litchfield

Plantation, however the SHPO felt the proposed boundary increase and additional documentation was a more appropriate means of listing the resources under consideration. Ms. Mary Keenan of the Litchfield Plantation Association thanked SHPO staff for their work on their nomination. Ms. Jenkins inquired as to the evidence that the Litchfield main house dated to c.1791, which was being proposed as the new beginning year of significance for the district. Dr. Breeden explained that this year is based off a 1791 plat drawn of Litchfield property, which shows a substantial dwelling in the same location as the extant property. He also noted that earlier years have been suggested for the house's construction, and the SHPO chose a more conservative year that could be reliably documented. Ms. Jenkins expressed further concerns that alterations to the main house had compromised its ability to represent its original year of construction. Ms. Harness explained that the alterations made to the property did not exceed what was generally considered acceptable for a resource being nominated as part of a district, though they would likely prove more problematic for an individual listing. Ms. Jenkins expressed additional concerns about specific aspects of the property description contained in the full nomination. Dr. Breeden replied that the SHPO would be glad to review and revise any specific details in the nomination before forwarding the nomination on to NPS. Dr. Silva moved for approval at the national level of significance while also expressing gratitude to SHPO for including Litchfield's historic African American cemetery in the proposed boundary increase. Ms. Jenkins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. **Sandy Island School (Sandy Island, Georgetown County)** was presented by co-preparer Alli Crandell of Coastal Carolina University. Mr. Charles Pyatt, a Sandy Island resident who attended Sandy Island School in its final years, spoke of how his grandparents worked to preserve the island's way of life. He expressed gratitude to his grandfather Abraham Herriot, the Washington family, Emily Pyatt, and others for making Sandy Island School a source of pride that helped students later find success. Ms. Frances Ashe-Goins highlighted how her 91-year-old mother who attended the school was watching the proceedings virtually. Rev. George Weathers offered remarks in support of the nomination, however a poor connection rendered his comments inaudible to the rest of the participants. Ms. Yvonne Harris, who attended the school beginning in 1962, described her experience there as an "extension of my home teaching," with her teacher Janie Lee frequently speaking with her parents. She added that "everything that I have accomplished is a result of what I learned at this school." She thanked the Board for considering the nomination and thanked Ms. Crandell for her presentation. She described the school building as the focal point for visitors to the island, recalling how, after attendees at her wedding were ferried to the island from the mainland, the first question they asked was what the history of the school building was. She noted it was a valuable community resource that helped residents tell the island's story. Ms. Deborah Greggs, a former island resident, recalled how teachers would line up children along a wall to practice their spelling, and she displayed graduation certificates that her family members received after attending the school, holding them up to her webcam for the meeting's virtual attendees to view. She recalled attending Sandy Island Action Committee meetings held at the school in the 1970s and donating books for the library later housed there. Dr. Silva moved for approval at the local level of

significance, which was seconded by Ms. Dawson-House. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

6. **Ruth's Beauty Parlor (Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Carlie Todd, a graduate student at the University of South Carolina. Following Ms. Todd's presentation, the property's owners Robbie Robertson and Brent Girard thanked the Board for their consideration and thanked Ms. Todd for her work on the nomination. Ms. Dawson-House moved for approval at the local level of significance, which was seconded by Ms. Smith. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
7. **Stone Manufacturing Company (Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Jane Campbell of Rogers, Lewis, Jackson, Mann, & Quinn. Ms. Dawson-House moved for approval at the local level of significance, which was seconded by Ms. Hyman. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
8. **Veterans Regional Administration Office (Columbia, Richland County)** was presented by the preparer, Ms. Jane Campbell of Rogers, Lewis, Jackson, Mann, & Quinn. Mr. Gruner asked what the plans were for the building, and Ms. Campbell said its current owners hoped to convert it to a mixed-use residential and commercial property. Ms. Jenkins moved for approval at the local level of significance, which was seconded by Mr. Gruner. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
9. **Epps-McGill Farmhouse (Kingstree, Williamsburg County)** was presented by the preparer, Mr. Kalen McNabb of Meadors, Inc. Dr. Tiffany Wright, Williamsburg County Supervisor, expressed the county's excitement at the nominations and thanked Mr. McNabb for his work on the proposal. Ms. Lynn Richardson, the property's owner and granddaughter of Weaver and Margaret McGill, thanked Mr. McNabb for his work and noted the property's significant sentimental value for her, recalling how she grew up next door and expressing her pride at what her grandparents accomplished despite the obstacles they faced. Ms. Jenkins asked what plans there were for the property, and Mr. McNabb said it would be a family-run bed-and-breakfast. Mr. Gruner noted a photograph that showed older shingling underneath the house's current metal roof, which Mr. McNabb explained was the original wood shake roof. He noted that the family hoped to restore the property and expected they will consider possibly returning to the original wood roof but did not know what the exact plans were. Ms. Jenkins moved for approval at the local level of significance, which was seconded by Mr. Gruner. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Kinney asked Board members if anyone had any other business that needed to be addressed. There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kinney thanked Mr. Sauls again for his work setting up today's meeting. Mr. Sauls expressed his appreciation to other SHPO staff who helped in the preparations. Mr. Kinney then asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Huff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Lee. It passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM.